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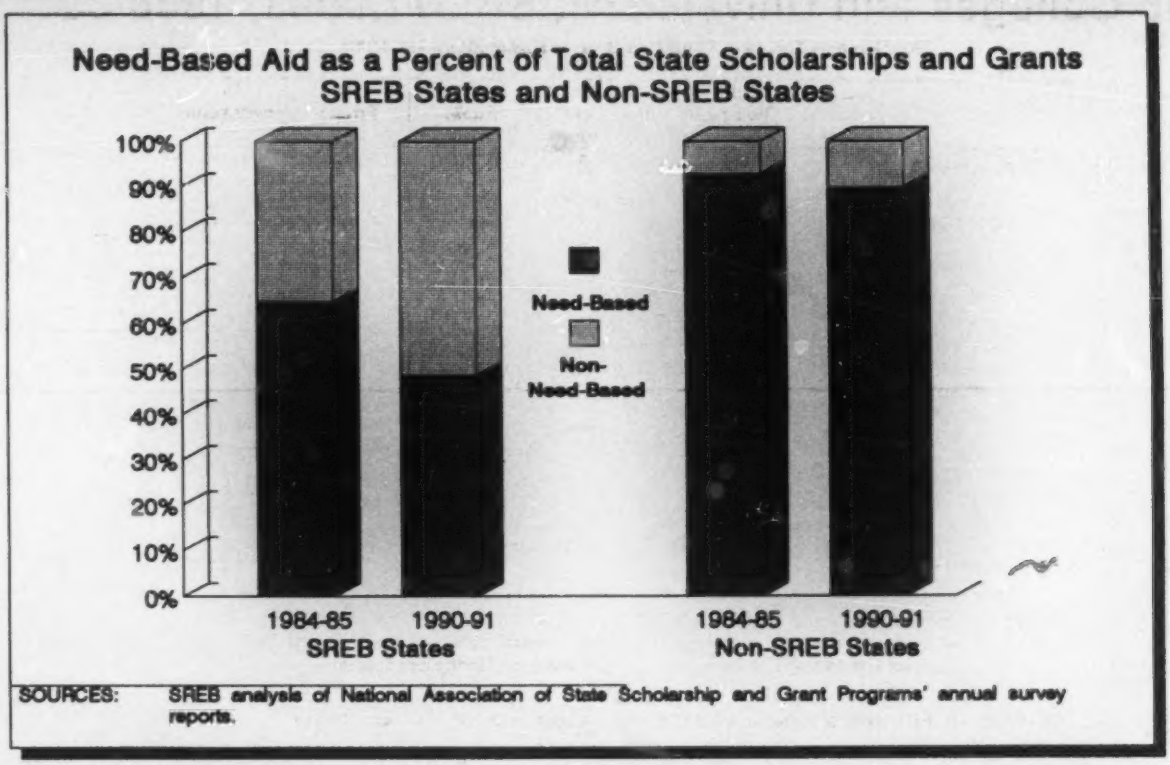
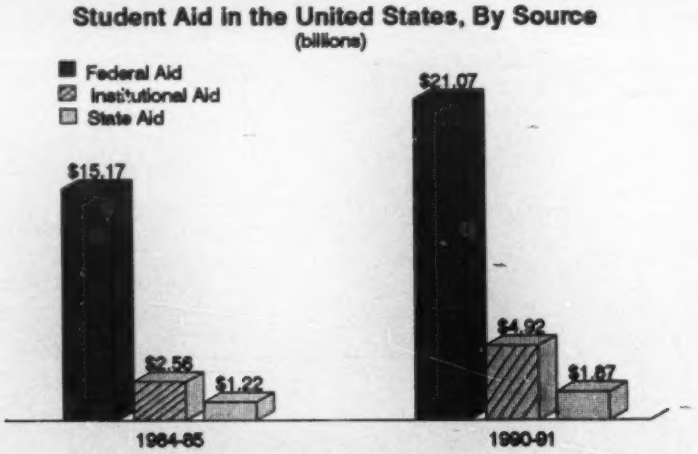


Need-Based Share of State Student Aid Declines

In the SREB states, over $517 million was awarded to students in the form of state grants and scholarships in 1990-91. Of that, need-based aid represented less than half ($251 million), down from nearly 65 percent in 1984-85. Outside the SREB region, states put substantially more of their student aid dollars into need-based programs--90 percent in 1990-91, down from 93 percent of total state grants and scholarships in 1984-85.

Nationally, the over $21 billion in federal support continues to make up the bulk of financial aid to students. But, the percentage of federal dollars relative to total student aid declined between 1984-85 and 1990-91 from 77 percent to 76 percent. Most federal aid comes from Guaranteed Student Loans, which have increased from 57 percent to 59 percent of all federal financial aid.

Nationwide, state grants and institutionally awarded aid have increased since 1984-85 at a faster rate than federal aid. The amount of institutional aid grew 92 percent, and its share of total aid rose from 14 percent to 18 percent. State aid also increased 53 percent, from 6 percent of the total in 1984-85 to 7 percent in 1990-91.



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State Scholarship and Grant Funds

(Update Table 61, *SREB Fact Book on Higher Education, 1990*)

	Need-Based Awards						Total Awards		
	Dollars 1990-91 (000s)	Percent Change 1984-85 to 1987-88	Percent Change 1987-88 to 1990-91	Percent of Total State Grants & Scholarships 1984-85	1987-88	1990-91	Dollars 1990-91 (000s)	Percent Change 1984-85 to 1987-88	Percent Change 1987-88 to 1990-91
United States	$1,910,244	24.8	23.0	88.7	82.4	80.8	$2,364,146	34.4	25.4
SREB States	251,331	40.2	38.0	64.8	49.4	48.6	517,260	83.9	40.3
Non-SREB States	1,658,913	23.0	21.0	92.7	90.4	89.8	1,846,885	26.1	21.8
SREB States as a Percent of U.S.	13.2						21.9		
Alabama	6,544	50.4	35.8	32.8	48.9	41.2	15,881	0.9	61.1
Arkansas	4,137	−0.9	10.1	95.0	80.2	78.6	5,266	17.4	12.4
Florida	28,655	2.1	72.6	53.2	45.2	40.0	71,687	20.2	95.2
Georgia	6,742	33.2	10.8	29.4	30.7	28.7	23,456	27.8	18.3
Kentucky	19,393	38.5	57.4	100.0	84.3	86.5	22,420	64.3	53.5
Louisiana	4,196	−2.6	123.2	58.8	71.8	80.1	5,236	−20.2	100.0
Maryland	15,893	15.8	76.9	84.1	74.4	71.5	22,222	30.9	84.0
Mississippi	1,400	8.4	−0.4	49.4	77.3	57.3	2,445	−30.7	34.4
North Carolina	23,056	65.2	−5.6	44.9	52.2	34.1	67,636	42.1	44.5
Oklahoma	31,923	48.7	85.9	99.2	97.5	90.4	35,327	51.3	100.7
South Carolina	18,079	19.1	10.6	98.0	100.0	93.0	19,447	16.7	19.0
Tennessee	17,750	53.4	41.0	98.6	99.2	95.8	18,525	52.5	45.9
Texas	57,565	83.5	27.1	100.0	31.8	34.5	166,763	477.2	17.0
Virginia	9,050	0.9	105.0	26.9	21.5	33.3	27,164	25.9	32.6
West Virginia	6,950	24.2	15.4	54.9	59.3	50.4	13,785	14.8	35.8

SOURCES: Kenneth R. Reeher and Jerry S. Davis, *17th, 21st, and 22nd Annual Survey Report, 1985-86 Academic Year* (1986), *1989-90 Academic Year* (1990) and *1990-91 Academic Year* (1991). (Harrisburg, PA: National Association of State Scholarship and Grant Programs).

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